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Art Unit : 1641  
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Conf. No. : 8562

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, a form PTO-1449 (1 page), an International Search Report, cited references, and a Certification pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) for filing in connection with the above-captioned application. Since this is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement with a Certification, a fee for filing the Statement should not be required. If, however, it is determined that a fee for filing these papers is required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-1050, as stated below:



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Respectfully submitted,

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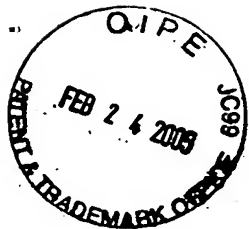
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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH 37 C.F.R. §§1.97-1.98**

Dear Sir:

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) and includes a certification in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e). The certification applies to all of the references listed on PTO Form-1449 (1 page), provided herewith. Because this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is filed before receipt of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-captioned application, a fee for filing this statement should not be due. If, however, it is determined that a fee is due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. §1.56 to inform the Patent Office of all references known by Applicant or Applicant's representative that may be material to the examination of the subject application, Applicant's representative hereby provides this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement that is prepared in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97-1.98. Form PTO-1449 (1 page) and copies of the cited references are provided herewith in connection with the above-captioned application.

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The documents listed on the Form PTO-1449 are in the English language. Hence, in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98, as amended effective March 16, 1992, no further explanation of the listed items is necessary.

Although these documents are made known to the Patent and Trademark Office in compliance with Applicant's duty of disclosure, such disclosure is not to be construed as an admission by Applicant or Applicant's representative that any of the references is effective as prior art against the subject application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(h), the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56(b) exists.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review the foregoing references and make them of record in the file history of the above-captioned application.

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**CERTIFICATION FOR SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(E)**

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Dear Sir:

1. This certification is being made for the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement accompanying this certification.
2. I, Stephanie L. Seidman, certify that all items of information contained in the accompanying Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement were cited in a communication from the International Searching Authority, dated February 7, 2005, in connection with PCT International Patent Application No. PCT/US2004/003428, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/446,288, to which the above-captioned application likewise claims the benefit of priority. Thus, all the items of information were cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a

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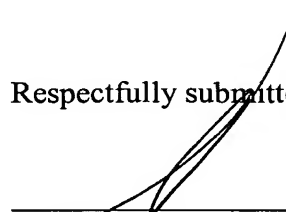
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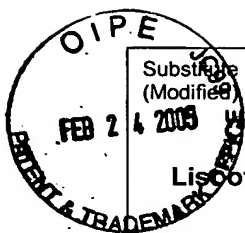
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**List of Patents and Publications for Applicant's  
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**U.S. Patent Documents**

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**Other Documents (include Author, Title, Date, and Place of Publication)**

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	A	Bittar <i>et al.</i> , "Cervical fetal fibronectin in patients at increased risk for preterm delivery", <i>American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology</i> 175(1):178-181 (1996)
	B	Da Fonseca <i>et al.</i> , "Prophylactic administration of progesterone by vaginal suppository to reduce the incidence of spontaneous preterm birth in women at increased risk: a randomized placebo-controlled double-blind study", <i>American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology</i> 188(2):419-424 (2003)
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